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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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APPLICATION NO: 10/568,637

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FOR: INHIBITION OF S6 KINASE ACTIVITY FOR THE TREATMENT OF
INSULIN RESISTANCE

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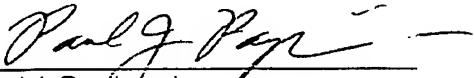
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

The Office Action of December 24, 2008 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on January 24, 2009. A one-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a), to extend the deadline to February 24, 2009.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-4409 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$130 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is herewith enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 50-4409 in the name of Novartis.

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